

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 345

Introduced by Assembly Member Atkins

February 10, 2011

An act to amend Section 21400 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 345, as introduced, Atkins. Vehicles: traffic control devices: consultation.

Existing law requires the Department of Transportation to consult with local agencies before adopting rules and regulations prescribing uniform standards and specifications for official traffic control devices.

This bill would additionally require the department to consult with groups representing users of streets, roads, and highways, as defined.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 21400 of the Vehicle Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 21400. (a) The Department of Transportation shall, after
- 4 consultation with local agencies *and groups representing users of*
- 5 *streets, roads, and highways*, and public hearings, adopt rules and
- 6 regulations prescribing uniform standards and specifications for
- 7 all official traffic control devices placed pursuant to this code,
- 8 including, but not limited to, stop signs, yield right-of-way signs,
- 9 speed restriction signs, railroad warning approach signs, street

1 name signs, lines and markings on the roadway, and stock crossing
2 signs placed pursuant to Section 21364.

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4 (b) *The* Department of Transportation shall, after notice and
5 public hearing, determine and publicize the specifications for
6 uniform types of warning signs, lights, and devices to be placed
7 upon a highway by any person engaged in performing work which
8 interferes with or endangers the safe movement of traffic upon
9 that highway.

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11 (c) *Only* those signs, lights, and devices as are provided for in
12 this section shall be placed upon a highway to warn traffic of work
13 ~~which~~ *that* is being performed on the highway.

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15 (d) *Any* control devices or markings installed upon traffic
16 barriers on or after January 1, 1984, shall conform to the uniform
17 standards and specifications required by this section.

18 (e) *For the purposes of this section, “users of streets, roads,*
19 *and highways” means bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities,*
20 *motorists, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, users of public*
21 *transportation, and seniors.*